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JULY 27, 1977: STATEMENT BY JOHNSON

FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT MADE BY DR. GERALD JOHNSON
AT SUBJECT PLENUM.

THE US DELEGATION HAS LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST
TO THE STATEMENTS MADE THIS AFTERNOON AND AGREES THAT
WE HAVE MADE A GOOD BEGINNING TO OUR WORK.
WE HAVE, BOTH IN PLENARY AND MORE INFORMAL SESSIONS,
PUT FORTH, IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL, OUR VIEWS WITH REGARD
TO WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE MOST PROMISING APPROACH TO
OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVE OF AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE
TEST BAN TREATY. WE HAVE LISTENED WITH ATTENTION TO
THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER TWO DELEGATIONS. WE HAVE NOW
A FAR BETTER UNDERSTANDING THAN WE DID WHEN WE ARRIVED
OF THE POSITIONS OF OUR PARTNERS AND WILL STUDY WITH
CARE THE PROPOSITIONS THAT THEY HAVE PUT FORTH. WE
ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS WILL RECEIVE THE
SAME CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ROUND
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HAS GIVEN ALL PARTICIPANTS MUCH TO REFLECT UPON.

WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES
AMONG US, IT IS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
UNANIMITY WITH REGARD TO THE OBJECTIVES WHICH WOULD BE
SERVED BY THE CONCLUSION OF AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE
TEST BAN TREATY, ESPECIALLY OR COMMON INTEREST IN

PREVENTING THE FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE
TECHNOLOGY AND LESSENING THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR.
THE DIFFERENCES THUS ARE NOT WITH REGARD TO THE GOAL,
BUT WITH HOW TO REACH IT.
OUR THREE NATIONS HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY
TO LEAD THE WAY TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. THIS IS A PROCESS WE
BEGAN ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO AND, WORKING TOGETHER, WE
HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. NOW, WHEN THE POLITICAL
WILL CLEARLY EXISTS ON ALL THREE SIDES TO ACHIEVE A FINAL --
AND AS CHAIRMAN MOROKHOV HAS SAID, RADICAL -- RESOLUTION
OF THIS PROBLEM, WE CANNOT PERMIT EITHER OUR REMAINING
DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH, OR THE ATTITUDES OF OTHER
STATES, TO DEFLECT US FROM THE GOAL WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT,
NOT ONLY TO THOSE REPRESENTED IN THIS ROOM, BUT TO ALL OF
MANKIND. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND
AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ROUND OF OUR DISCUSSIONS.
I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE. MANY
OF US IN THIS ROOM HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH ONE ANOTHER
IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ARMS CONTROL FORA OVER A VERY
LONG PERIOD OF TIME. THE US DELEGATION HAS WELCOMED THE
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW OLD ACQUAINTANESHIPS WHICH HAVE
PROVED BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY REWARDING
IN THE PAST AS WELL AS TO ESTABLISH NEW RELATIONSHIPS.
IT IS THEREFORE NOT ONLY WITH ANTICIPATIOON OF PROGRESS
IN OUR IMPORTANT WORK, BUT ALSO WITHA DESIRE TO
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STRENGTHEN THESE PERSONAL TIES, THAT WE LOOK FORWARD
TO THE RESUMPTION OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS IN OCTOBER.
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